

limitation of utilizing a *mask creating component* during fabrication of a mask as recited in the subject claim.

In view of at least the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that Latos and Niu *et al.* individually and in combination do not make obvious applicants' invention as recited in independent claims 1, 15 and 25 (and claims 3-14 and 16-20 which depend therefrom), and this rejection should be withdrawn.

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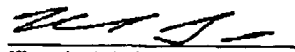
### III. Conclusion

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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